(b) if so, the details regarding public sector banks in India where computerisation had been done in Bi-lingual Mode, State-wise, District-wise and Mandal-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not introducing Bi-lingual Mode in the computerisation of all the public sector banks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND RAO VITHOBA ADSUL) : (a) and (b) Yes sir. Under Section 3(3) of Official Languages Act, 1963 resolutions, general orders, rules, notifications, agreements, administrative and other reports or press communiques etc. should invariably be issued bilingually. Official Language Department of Ministry of Home Affairs issues directions from time to time for implementation of Official Language policy in Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings which cover computerisation in bilingual mode also. All Public Sector Banks ensure that the computerisation is done in bilingual mode and are doing word processing in Hindi and English to a great extent. Reserve Bank of India has asked the banks to get bilingual software prepared for core banking solution also. Details of use of Hindi on computers in Public Sector Banks are given in the Annexure [See Appendix 194, Annexure No. 16]. Since State-wise, District-wise and Mandal-wise data are not collected from banks, these have been consolidated region-wise i.e. Region A, B and C as per the instructions.

(c) Does not arise.

Seizure of goods by Customs Department

4068. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government maintains any record of the goods seized by the Customs Department at their warehouses in four major metropolitan cities;

(b) if so, the details of the seizure and the record; and

(c) the amount of the seizure at Mumbai International Airport and how it is being disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the seizures made by the Customs authorities in four major metropolitan cities are furnished below :—

Year	No. of cases booked	Value of goods seized (Rs. In crores)
2001-2002	5912	370.75
2002-2003 (Upto Jan., 2003)	4027	140.03

Registers are maintained in warehouses which indicate the case No., name of the party involved, description, value, quantity and status of the goods.

(c) The details of the seizure made by the Customs Department at Mumbai International Airport is as under :—

Year	No. of cases booked	Value of goods seized (Rs. In crores)
2001-2002	1633	219.96
2002-2003 (Upto Jan., 2003)	1132	43.50

As per the existing policy, seized/confiscated goods are disposed of in the following manner :—

(i) Where seized/confiscated goods are ordered to be released to the parties by the adjudicating/appellate authorities, the same are released as per the orders after collecting duties/fine/penalty as ordered;

(ii) Consumer goods are sold through Govt. agencies like National Consumers Cooperative Federation, Defence Canteen, Customs Retail Shops, etc.;

(iii) Trade goods are sold through public auction;

(iv) Hazardous drugs etc. are destroyed under official supervision;

(v) Confiscated gold/silver is sold through the authorized bank viz. State Bank of India/public at the prevailing market price.